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June 29, 2011

Anthony E. Keck, Director Department of Health & Human Services 1801 Main Street Columbia, SC 19201

Re: SC Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #11-009

Dear Mr. Keck:

We have reviewed the proposed South Carolina Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-009 that was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on April 18, 2011. This State Plan Amendment will allow Medicaid to use the optional Express Lane Eligibility (ELE) to process redeterminations for children with income less than 200% FPL in South Carolina's Partners for Healthy Children (PHC) program.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve the South Carolina State Plan Amendment 11-009. This SPA was approved on June 29, 2011. The effective date of this amendment is April 1, 2011. The signed HCFA-179 and the approved plan pages are enclosed.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please contact Rita Nimmons at (404) 562-7415.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jackie Glaze Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures